

June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015



**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE  
COMMUNITY CENTER AD HOC COMMITTEE  
OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA  
CONVENED THIS 16<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JUNE 2015 7:00 P.M.  
SOUTH PASADENA SENIOR CENTER  
1102 OXLEY STREET**

**1. ROLL CALL**

Stepped in as Chair, Commissioner Salinas convened the Regular Meeting of the Ad Hoc Community Center Committee at 7:10

Staff R Martin called the roll. Present were Parks and Recreation Commissioner Members Salinas, Senior Commissioners Vanderwall and Knight, Library Board of Trusteesm Commissioner Penn, Fund member Veloz,  
Absent at time of Roll: Youth Commissioner at Large Hodley-Brill,

Other Officials and Staff present: City Council Mayor Jo, Community Services Director/Staff Liaison Pautsch, and Staff Reyna Salazar-Martin.

Excused Absence: Chair Beadle, and City Council Liaison Cacciotti

**2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE  
16<sup>TH</sup>, 2015**

**MOTION:** Commission approved the minutes of the regular June 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. By unanimous voice vote, the motion passed.

(Vanderwall, Penn)

**3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

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**4. DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL TO AUTHORIZE STAFF AND CONSULTANTS TO PROCEED WITH THE NEXT STEPS FO THE DESIGN PHASE ON THE ORANGE GROVE/CITY YARD SITE AND THAT THE AD HOC COMMITTEE CONTINUE TO WORK WITH STAFF AND CONSLTANTS ON THE NEXT STEP OF THE STUDY**

Director Sheila Pautsch presented the revised Options for the new Community Center, which now only included the Orange Grove site. City Council voted to eliminate the El Centro Option from any further consideration due to the terms the current owners provided. Council could not come to an agreement therefore are now only looking in going forth with only the Orange Grove site. Director Pautsch also read recommendations form Committee members Salinas and Chair Beatle who could not be at the meeting. They, along with the rest of the committee share the concern that in the current design in which it preserves the Mission building and the main Entrance on the El Centro side lacks the astatically iconic look they are feel we need to justify the cost as well as match the other large iconic building in our city, i.e The library and Community Room. Commissioner Penn and Vanderwall both shared that having the Senior Center on the second floor does not have to be changed. However, they do add that it should stay in one level, no small steps, and that doorways and hallways be ADA accessible. Also, Commissioner Penn suggest a large room divider in the main banquet room to give renters an option of a smaller room.

At this time, Council member Jo summarized to the Committee a summery on what transpired at the closed session City Council Meeting which eliminated Option 2 El Centro site.

Committee member Veloz offers a compromise solution on keeping the Orange Grove site outside façade, but gutting out the inside of the building. That way, they keep the building, however are free to utilize the space for the new amenities, classrooms and safer building conditions.

They only way they feel they can give a recommendation to continue with confidence in the design, is if Council overturn the Cultural Heritage Committee decision to preserve the older Parks and Recreation building on Mission. They feel that the buildings condition will increase the cost to maintain and restore

**ADJOURNMENT**

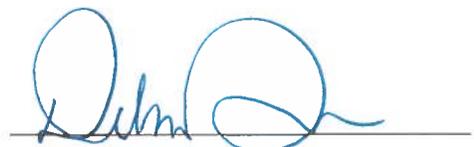
By consensus, the Commission adjourned at 9:00 p.m. The next Committee TBD

Respectfully Submitted:



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Approved By:



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Sheila Pautsch  
Community Services Director

Debra Beadle  
Chair